

The House Committee on Appropriations offers the following substitute to HB 508:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to death investigations and coroners, so as to increase the investigation fee for coroners; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to death investigations and coroners, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 45-16-27, relating to inquests and coroner's investigation fee, and inserting in its place a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) On and after July 1, ~~1999~~ 2006, coroners shall be entitled to an investigation fee of ~~\$125.00~~ \$250.00 where no jury is impaneled or a fee of \$250.00 where a jury is impaneled and shall be paid upon receipt of a monthly statement to the county treasury. A deputy coroner shall receive the same fee as the coroner for the performance of services in place of the coroner and shall be paid upon receipt of a monthly statement to the county treasury. Such fee shall be paid within ten days after receipt of the coroner's monthly statement by the county where the investigation or inquest is held except in counties where the coroner receives an annual salary, in which case no fee shall be imposed upon the county by such salaried coroner or deputy coroner."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall be come effective on July 1, 2006.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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